

/Thuong Nguyen/ (12/30/2008)

**PATENT APPLICATION**

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 2155**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Noboru YAMAMOTO

Group Art Unit: 2155

Application No.: 10/511,683

Examiner: T. NGUYEN

Filed: October 19, 2004

Docket No.: 121552

For: PARALLEL MERGE/SORT PROCESSING DEVICE, METHOD AND PROGRAM

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the September 26, 2008 Office Action, and further to the December 16, 2008 personal interview with Examiner Nguyen, please consider the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** as reflected in the listing of claims; and

**Remarks.**